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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to certain penalties for noncompliance with workers' compensation insurance requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-412, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or other law to the contrary, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, waive any portion or all of the penalties if the employer remedies any inadvertent noncompliance with the workers' compensation law and it is determined that the noncompliance did not result in any failure by the employer to pay employee workers' compensation claims.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-109, is amended by deleting the word "Nothing" and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in § 50-6-412(i), nothing".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.